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Date: 14 Nov 89 12:52:03 GMT

From: aw0g+@andrew.cmu.edu (Aaron Wohl)

Subject: airport security

I put my knapsack with the small sony shortwave reciever and a game boy (atari hand held game) through the airport x-ray machine. The electronics where in the top pouch which may have flopped over onto the bag ahead of mine. They let me pick up my bag no problem. As I was running for my flight I heard them asking the guy who was in front of me 'you must have something in there we saw it'. Aaron

Date: 14 Nov 89 13:08:26 GMT

From: genrad!dls@husc6.harvard.edu (Diana L. Syriac)

Subject: Latest update on HyperCard Ham Stacks

I dislike posting this, but I've gotten enough responses from net users that it warrants posting.

A number of people have emailed me to request the Ham Stacks. I don't have any problem sending the diskettes out IF I KNOW WHERE TO SEND THEM. I've received a number of requests saying "please send me your stacks".... and no address. A few others have sent "please send the stacks to the address below".....and forget to provide a complete mailing address. The name of a University is NOT sufficient mailing address for USnail. What city? What state? What's the Zip code????

Might I suggest that net users change their .signature to include a valid mailing address? Just a suggestion. Meanwhile, I still have one request from the University of Illinois who will not be receiving any diskettes until an address is sent (hope he figures out who he is....:-). The one from University of Maine finally realized his mistake and sent the request again WITH an address.

Sorry to bother the net with this.

Diana

-> Diana L. Syriac CAP: SM, Freedom 690 Mobile Ham: N1GZS <-
->USmail: GenRad Inc., Mail Stop 6, 300 Baker Ave, Concord, Mass. 01742 <-
->usenet: {decvax,mit-eddie}!genrad!dls or dls@genrad.com
<-
->tel: (508) 369-4400 x2459 I'D RATHER BE FLYING!!!
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Date: Tue, 14 Nov 89 08:53:17 EST
From: Robert Carpenter <rc@cmr.ncsl.nist.gov>
Subject: RFI in Airlines

Noting months of continuing postings about carrying [insert favorite active electronic device] in aircraft, I think it useful to add to the traffic!

Over in Annapolis, MD, there is an organization called Aeronautical Radio, Inc. (ARINC), which is sort of a consortium of the major airlines in the radio/communications field. Among other things, they have served as an anti-trust umbrella so that the airlines can get together and work out standard connector pinouts with their suppliers, etc. They also operate the HF communications which acts as the path between the air traffic controllers and transatlantic flights. I understand that they operate VHF nets for company traffic for some of the US airlines.

For many years ARINC (has) operated the electromagnetic compatibility center for the Department of Defense. This operation has a data base of spurious emissions and sensitivities for all the military's gear.

It wouldn't take much imagination to think that ARINC would be involved in a xxxxx in a similar undertaking for the commercial air carriers, and would be a suitable place to determine that the airborne phones wouldn't interfere with the rest of the plane's vital electronics.

And then there was the Braniff flight I took back from Hawaii, where the HF SSB transmitter on the plane got into the PA system whenever the cabin staff was making announcements --- and when they stood too near a speaker and the PA oscillated the red-eye-light pattern moved down the plane like a moving electric sign!!!

73, Bob W3OTC

Date: 14 Nov 89 01:37:48 GMT

From: portal!cup.portal.com!HAVANAMOON@uunet.uu.net (Havana - Moon)
Subject: Spy numbers transmissions

"Spy Numbers Transmissions" are a shortwave oddity which have been around for the last 25 years. They are commonly heard in English, German, Spanish and the Slavic languages and take the form of four and five digit groups of numbers which are preceded by a three digit "identifier" and "group count". They are generally broadcast by a mechanical-sounding female voice, although Morse code (CW) "cut number" transmissions are also frequently reported.

The who, where and why aspects of these transmissions are, for the most part, unknown. Their mysterious nature has resulted in their common characterization as 'spy' transmissions.

The spy theory has been enhanced over the years by the FCC's inconsistent position in response to numerous inquiries by the Shortwave Listening community.

If you've never heard a numbers transmission, tune your radio to 11468 kHz any Saturday at 4pm EST (2100 UTC). You'll almost certainly hear a 'classic' numbers transmission which will run from 15-30 minutes. The signal from this Saturday transmission is very powerful and can be heard across the United States.

If you're interested in additional information, I've written two books on the subject - "Uno, Dos, Cuatro: A Guide to the Numbers Stations" and "Los Numeros: The Numbers Stations Guide" both are available through Tiare Publications, Department P/U, Box 493, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

Numbers continue to fascinate the Shortwave Listening community. There are a number of other publications which detail this topic on a regular basis. If you'd like to know more, let me know.

Havana Moon

Date: 14 Nov 89 11:24:55 GMT
From: mcsun!hp4nl!phigate!philica!geertj@uunet.uu.net (Geert Jan de Groot)
Subject: Status of WB3FFV BBS?

Hi Netlanders,

I have added WB3FFV's BBS in our uucp list, after his last announcement a few weeks ago. However, when I try, I always get the busy tone.

Has something terrible happened once more to Howard's system, is he that busy, or is there another explanation?

Thanks, 73

Geert Jan, pe1hgz

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phone: +49 241 6003 714 you should always throw the first one out"
[Standard disclaimers apply] - Sutherland

Date: Tue, 14 Nov 89 10:41:44 EST
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELL.CIT.CORNELL.EDU>
Subject: Using A Dentron Clipperton-L On WARC Bands

>Date: 12 Nov 89 13:27:20 GMT
>From: asuvax!stjhmc!f1.n234.z1.fidonet.org!Jim.Grubs@handies.ucar.edu (Jim
> Grubs)
>Subject: Using A Dentron Clipperton-L On WARC Bands
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>> From: noel@ubbs-nh.MV.COM (N. Del More)
> >
> > Anyway... the question at hand, can the Clipperton be used on the WARC
> > bands?
>
> S 97.313 Transmitter power standards.
>
> ----- Text deleted for brevity -----
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>Uucp: ...{gatech,ames,rutgers}!ncar!noao!asuvax!stjhmc!234!1!Jim.Grubs
>Internet: Jim.Grubs@f1.n234.z1.fidonet.org
>

I really think this was a technical question and not asking for permission.

KB3YV

bill gunshannon
702WFG@SCRVMSYS.BITNET

Date: Tue, 14 Nov 89 10:41:08 EST
From: bill gunshannon <702WFG%SCRVMSYS.BITNET@CORNELLC.cit.cornell.edu>

Subject: Military Callsign Info Needed

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>> From: ewb@raybed2.UUCP (EUGENE BALINSKI)
> >
> > I'm looking for some help in verifying some military aircraft callsigns
> > heard on the NORAD channels on the east coast. I have the usual ones
> > but 2 new ones "WASHBURN" and "ZEUSE" (a tanker), and one repeat offender
> >
> > "FRED" have recently shown up.
> >
> > Any information as to the aircraft type, home base, or mission would be
> > appreciated. I believe that Zeuse is probably a KC-10 but the others
> > are unknown. You can mail or post responses. Thanks
>
>Out of curiosity, where do you draw the line between shortwave listening and
>espionage?
>
>73 de Jim Grubs, W8GRT
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Isn't that just a little bit ridiculous??? If he was able to pick up
these signals and they were obviously in the clear don't you think all
those fishing trawlers along the east coast could hear it too???
I hardly expect that anything of value is transmitted in the clear.

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